

# THE FLAT HAT

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## INTERESTING STUDENT ASSEMBLY HELD LAST FRIDAY MORNING

Various Subjects Discussed by Student Speakers.  
Dr. Wilson Also Speaks

At the request of the Spotswood Club the faculty granted the first period of last Friday to the student-activities committee for the purpose of holding a student assembly. The programme was arranged to present questions of student interests. There was a full and enthusiastic attendance, and the meeting was presided over by Dr. James S. Wilson.

The first speaker, Mr. E. B. Thomas, had as his topic, Student Conduct. In a strong, brief talk he reminded the students of the sportsmanlike conduct that has characterized William and Mary students for years past in athletics, and urged each student to remember that a "square deal" is better than a victory. The speaker also called attention to occasional noisy demonstrations at public functions.

Mr. P. L. Witchley, editor-in-chief of the "Echo," spoke next, outlining the work of his staff to date and the general features of the 1913 "Echo." Mr. J. L. Tucker, business manager of the "Echo," spoke also on the Annual finances.

The "Mag." was presented by the editor-in-chief, Mr. S. H. Hubbard, Jr. Mr. Hubbard urged the students to get behind the "Lit" in order to keep it up to the high position it has previously occupied. It "aint nice," he says, to have people remind you that the "Mag" is not up to its previous standard of excellence.

"Student and Faculty Relations," was the subject of the next speaker, Mr. A. W. James. Mr. James pointed out possible means for securing greater cooperation and sympathy between students and the faculty; if you have a kick coming, he says, go to headquarters—boost elsewhere.

Mr. K. A. Agee gave notice of the recent separation of Academy men from the College literary societies, and a new Academy society. The speaker suggested that society work be made compulsory for a degree.

Captain J. R. McAllister, of the track team, told of the plans and prospects of his recruits for the coming season. "Cap" says he has twenty likely "injuns" cut—two-

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## WHO'S WHO AND WHY AT THE VENERABLE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY

Something of the Great and Super-Great in These Parts. Oliver Walter Frey

Extracts from the diary of John Barleycorn, a former student of William and Mary College:

Sept. 23, 1909—Well, I'm here at the "durned" old place at last. Gee! but this is a dull hole and I don't know a soul. And nothing to do but to "cuss" the beef in the mess-hall and watch out for Sophs.

Sept. 24—Got a room mate. Blew in from up north. Can't get him to say much, but his name is Frey. When he speaks it's some drawn out. Gee! he's a sport, you bet—wears one of them stiff hats and stands around with his hands in his pockets looking like a Dago. Guess I better watch him and keep my new dollar watch locked up at night.

Oct. 2—That Dutchman, Frey, is a queer Duc. Looks like something's eating on him. Looks like he's got out of the frying pan into the fire.

Oct. 15—Frey is a "goner;" at least he's gone back where he came from. Dad-blamed glad of it. Didn't like him no-how.

Sept. 18, 1910—Back again. Who should meet me at the train but Dutchman Frey—"sheeney" hat, yankee drawl, creasy breeches, hands in pockets and all. Are going to room together in the "Braf."

Sept. 30—That Dutchman is some bird.

Oct. 22—There's a hot time, etc. Somebody visited the chicken-coops last night. The faculty is going to investigate. Guess somebody is a "goner" this time.

Oct. 23—Alas! a thousand weeps! Dutchman is a "goner." This early morning by the 7:40 did he go. More tear drops! "Shall I never see my darling any more?"

Feb. 3, 1911—(Extract from "College Topics") Mr. Oliver Frey visits college. Mr. Frey is a former student and states he expects to return in the fall.

Sept. 29—From Barleycorn's diary. Those professors are something awful. Grind day and night and haven't been to the "movies" yet. Gee! I'm blue. Wish that Dutchman would come back to college.

Oct. 14—Glory be! Small Frey is back! Says he's here to stay too, but that's a joke; glad to see him though.

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## ACADEMY LOSES TO MAURY HIGH SCHOOL SATURDAY NIGHT

Contest One-Sided. Boyenton and Wood Star for Visitors, while Prichett Plays Best for Locals

In a one-sided contest Maury High School defeated the Academy basketball team by a score of 42-10. From alpha to omega the visitors outclassed the locals in every department of the game. Only a few penalties were inflicted for fouls, despite the fact that the game was rough from start to finish. For the High School the entire team played exceptionally well, but Boyenton and Wood shone above the rest, while for the Academy Prichett played best.

M. H. S. Line-up. W. M. A.  
Baxton.....forward.....Gilliam (Macon)

Boyenton.....forward.....Maddox  
Caffee.....center.....Prichett  
Pitts.....guard.....Jenkins  
Wood.....guard.....Land

Summary: Baskets—Macon 2, Boyenton 5, Caffee 5, Pitts 2; Wood 6, for M. H. S. Gilliam 1, Prichett 1, Jenkins 1, for W. M. A.

Fouls—Boyenton 2, Prichett 4.

Referee—Metcalfe.

Umpire—Boen.

## PHOTOGRAPHER'S SCHEDULE

Monday afternoon, February 3—  
2:15 Northern Lights; 2:30 Kappa Alpha fraternity; 2:45 Theta Delta Chi fraternity; 3:15 Brafferton Indians; 3:30 Eastern Shore Club; 3:45 Ewell Club; 4:00 Taliaferro Club.

Tuesday afternoon, February 4—  
2:00 Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity; 2:15 Phoenix Final men; 2:30 Philomathean Final men; 2:45 Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity; 3:00 Philomathean Society; 3:15 Phoenix Society; 3:30 Spotswood Club; 3:45 Woodrow Wilson Club; 4:00 Athletic Council.

Wednesday afternoon, February 5—  
2:00 Faculty group (College); 2:15 Faculty group (Academy); 2:30 Sophomore class; 2:45 Freshman class; 3:00 Football team (scrub); 3:15 Basketball team; 3:45 Track team; 4:00 Southwest Club.

Thursday afternoon, February 6—  
2:00 Academy student-body; 2:15 Academy senior class; 2:30 Academy council; 2:45 Academy athletic council; 3:00 Academy track team; 3:15 Academy basketball team; 3:30 Academy football team; 3:45 Northern Virginia club.

## REVIEW OF JANUARY "LIT" SHOWS IT TO POSSESS MANY EXCELLENCIES

Marked Improvement Over Last Issue. "The Reunion" and "Man Proposes, But—" Best

Three stories, an essay and five poems make up the contents of the January William and Mary Literary Magazine. Certainly the stellar features of the issue are the two stories, "The Reunion" and "Man Proposes." In the former, Earl B. Thomas writes with genuine power and with a fine sense of character traits. The story is not only interesting, it is more, it is sincere and, rarer yet, convincing. When the last word is finished, one has an intimate sense of the personality of the three character of the story. Mr. Thomas, at his best, knows how to construct a short story, and has the art to make it vitally grip our imagination. "The Reunion" represents one phase of Mr. Thomas at his best.

"Man Proposes, But—" is a sad story, but a strong one. Its style is of the French; so much so that unconsciously one reader gave it, at first, Paris for its setting but it is a pleasant style. It has a meaning to set forth and it succeeds in doing so without having the sweetish—brackish taste of a sickly moral. There is something of disappointment, a feeling of life's futility, close upon one when the tale is told; but it was this that the author sought to give and to accomplish one's end is to be successful in art as in life. The disappointment gives place at last to an understanding, and one remembers then the title.

Henry A. Turner, in the one essay of the Magazine makes us acquainted with the personality of the distinguished Virginian, Hugh Blair Grigsby. The theme would of itself give charm and Mr. Turner, if he has not brought us face to face with the man, has yet done a real service in presenting to us interestingly the story of the rich and active life of this, the last chancellor of William and Mary.

Among the poems, the delicate and simple lines "To Smile Like That" still sing themselves pleasantly through our memory. "Generations" and "Books" are musical and graceful creations of pens that have found their power in verse upon many pages of the "Lit." The

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### THE VALUE OF A GOOD SIGNATURE

I wonder how many young men who read The Flat Hat realize the importance of a good signature. In these days of business rush and typewritten letters the graceful art of penmanship has become badly neglected. While symmetrical handwriting is perhaps almost a physical impossibility to some, there is no one who cannot at least write legibly, and, with practice and perseverance, succeed in achieving a signature of which he has good reason to be proud. Give the matter of your signature sufficient thought. Make it a point to have something characteristic in the way you sign your name. When you have finally decided upon a style of signature, stick to it. There is a great deal of business common sense and prudence in the habit of always signing your name in the same way. An hereditary signature is a thing to be proud of. Some families have followed, practically, the same form of signature from one generation to another, as something in which to take ancestral pride. No matter how lacking in distinction may be your name, give distinction to your signature. Like the man who said in praise of a campaign speaker, "He didn't say much, but he put it so well," so may it be said of some men with commonplace names, "It isn't much of a name, but what a fine signature."

Look over the average hotel register and make a mental comment on the weak, illegible signatures. A public petition which is circulated

for signatures, presents the same pitiable spectacle, a collection of straggling, careless and often unmeaning signatures, which carry no weight of influence because it would take an expert in chirography to decipher them.

Then, for contrast, look at the splendid signatures on the Declaration of Independence. A fac simile of this famous document is worth examining, if for nothing else than as a striking contrast to many modern documents bearing the signatures of celebrated men of today. Could anything be finer than the autograph of John Hancock in its conspicuous position on the Declaration of Independence? His signature is, perhaps, the most famous to be found on American historical documents. It would be impossible to think of this great statesman having an important agreement returned to him for a re-signing, because his previous signature was so illegible as not to be acceptable to the other parties to the contract.

Yes, this very thing I know to have been the experience of the president of a large corporation—a man, who, in his youth, evidently did not realize what a good signature would mean to him in after years. The lawyers drawing this contract refused to accept as this gentleman's official signature, what they humorously described as "a rail fence running east and west." So serious is this matter of illegible signatures on important documents that on the letterheads of many prominent legal firms there now appears an appeal to clients, as follows: "Kindly favor us with a legible signature."

At a recent exhibition of autographs at our new public library here in New York City, visitors had the pleasure of seeing the signatures of many noted men. These should have been an incentive to anyone who had not before realized the beauty of a good signature. No one could ever fail to recognize the signature of Gen. Washington, with its graceful old-fashioned "S" and the characteristic cross to the "T." The signatures of William Cowper, Walter Scott, Roger Williams, Oliver Goldsmith, Robert Burns, Henry W. Longfellow and many other notable men are splendid examples of what a good, characteristic signature should be. To come across a bold, distinguished looking autograph in these modern days gives one the same sense of pleasure as does a fine bit of architecture or a good picture.

Of course there are some notable instances of great men whose handwriting has been famous for its very illegibility. The penmanship of that great journalist, Horace Greeley, was the despair of his typesetters. The story goes that a compositor once came to Mr. Greeley, manuscript in hand. "Can't you read it," sternly asked Mr. Greeley.

"No Sir," was the humble reply. "Well, neither can I," cheerfully answered Mr. Greeley as he turned back to his desk and became absorbed in other matters. History does not tell us what the poor compositor did, but Mr. Greeley always frankly acknowledged that it took him less time to re-write an entire manuscript than to attempt to decipher anything he had written even a few hours before. The signature of Mr. Greeley was equally enigmatical.

If our young men of today knew the importance of good handwriting as a testimonial of capacity and how much it counted as a recommendation in the business world, they would be more assiduous in its cultivation.

I commend legible penmanship and a good signature to you young men as a valuable business asset.

Geo. Clinton Batcheller, LL. D.  
New York City, Jan. 1913.

Owing to the fact that examinations are now on, The Flat Hat will suspend publication for the next two weeks.

### BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

The games of Basketball arranged up to this time are as follows:

December 7, Richmond College at Williamsburg.

December 14, Fredericksburg College at Williamsburg.

December 21, Richmond Howitzers at Richmond.

January 11, Richmond Howitzers at Williamsburg.

January 18, Pending

February 8, Randolph-Macon at Williamsburg.

February 15, Open.

February 22, Hampden-Sidney at Williamsburg.

February 27, Randolph-Macon at Ashland.

February 28, Hampden-Sidney at Farmville.

The business manager of the Annual has arranged for an entertainment to be given by Polk Miller sometime during the first part of next month.

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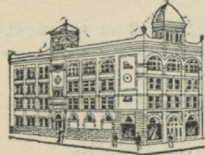
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## WHO'S WHO AND WHY AT THE VENERABLE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY

Nov. 27—"Northern Lighters" laid it on too thick last night. Guess their name is mud now. Old Frey is packing; s'pose he's a goner again.

Here the diary ends. Mr. Barley-corn was mistaken, Dutchman was a comer not a goner. He stuck out the year, made a reputation as a curler and is back with us this year sheeney hat and all that. But Frey has a business head under his sheeney hat and he's helping finance our publications. Even doubting Thomases see no symptoms of his bolting and every day he develops new staying powers.

Since he came the last time from Allentown, Pa., Frey has become quite an important figure about college. Though a small Frey, he's mighty cute—at least the fair ones think so.

But no avail. Dutchman is so modest that he refuses to drink out of a glass for fear he might see his image reflected.

So he goes about his business liked for his good nature, admired for his nerve, respected for his earnestness and loved for his modesty.

## REVIEW OF JANUARY "LIT" SHOWS

verse of the month, though none of it is strikingly beautiful, is all of it good verse, worthy of its place on the "Lit's" pages and worthy alike of our praise.

Something might still be said of a lack of painstaking care in the editorial department. Here and there a sentence has gone astray that might have been corrected. But such faults are few and the general excellencies of the magazine are many. The improvement over the first number of the session is so marked that the future may be looked forward to with confident anticipation of satisfaction.

## INTERESTING STUDENT ASSEMBLY

thirds as many as the University of Virginia, and that he expects to cop a few events in the coming meets.

The last speaker, Dr. Wilson, in a few words, told of the Honor System.

The Assembly was closed with "Alma Mater," by the school.

## PROF. BENNETT CHOSEN SUPERINTENDENT

At the regular meeting of the State Board of Education held last Tuesday, Prof. H. E. Bennett, of the faculty, was unanimously chosen as superintendent of the Williamsburg schools. For some time Prof. Bennett has been very closely connected with the schools of the city, and has made a special study of their condition and needs. He promulgated, and was the chief promoter of, the plan which enabled

William and Mary to get partial control of the city system. His appointment, therefore, meets with universal approval. In fact, quite a large petition was presented to the board in his behalf. We congratulate Prof. Bennett on his appointment.

## ACADEMY MEN WITHDRAW FROM SOCIETIES

At a meeting of the Academy student-body held last Thursday evening a movement was placed on foot to organize a separate literary society for the Academy. By unanimous consent all Academy students withdrew from the College societies, and voted to have one society in the Academy. A temporary chairman was elected, who appointed a committee, with Prof. Goodwin as chairman, to draw up a constitution and by-laws, and make the necessary arrangements for a hall in which to meet, the time of meeting, etc.

## PRELIMINARY TRACK MEET

A preliminary track meet was held last Saturday on Cary Field for the purpose of sizing up the track material. Judging from the showing made by representatives from the Academy and College, we have bright prospects for track work this year. The following races were run: 100-yard dash—1st. Lohr; 2nd. Moncaster; 3rd. Winsbro. 440-yard run—1st. Winsbro; 2nd. Lohr; 3rd. Moncaster. 1-mile run—1st. Capt. McAllister; 2nd. Agee; 3rd. Outland.

## BRAFFERTON INDIANS REORGANIZE

The Brafferton Indians, glowing in their war paints, met around the campfire last Friday for reorganization. Amid the hideous war-whoops, K. A. Agee was chosen "Great Werawance," and "Dr." Cook was named as "Oapiqueschyshotonon-basse."

The Flat Hat wishes to acknowledge receipt of a personal letter from Dr. George Clinton Batcheller which was very highly appreciated. We also take this means of expressing our gratitude for the excellent article, bearing his signature, which appears in this issue.

A new body known as the university senate has been organized at the University of Minnesota. This body is for the purpose of taking care of the student activities and funds raised by them.—Exchange.

The inter-society contest has been postponed until the 20th of March.

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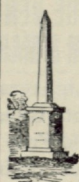
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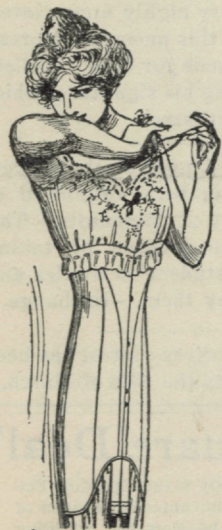
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## IN AND OUT OF COLLEGE TOPICS

Mr. J. L. Tucker, business man-  
ager of The Colonial Echo, was in  
Richmond Thursday on business.

Mr. Max Blitzer has returned to  
college, after a week's absence at  
his home in New York.

Messrs. J. R. Hoskins and Paul  
Ford, of the University College of  
Medicine, visited the College Fri-  
day.

Prof. H. E. Bennett was in Rich-  
mond last week on business for the  
College.

Mr. W. S. Shackelford has been  
chosen as art editor of the Annual.

Mr. R. E. Henley visited friends  
here last week. Mr. Henley was  
formerly superintendent of Wil-  
liamsburg schools, but is now con-  
nected with a large law firm in New  
York City.

Messrs. Jones and Petty have been  
on the sick list for a few days.

Supt. Bridges has a force of hands  
engaged in removing old trees, mak-  
ing some needed fills, and otherwise  
beautifying the College grounds.  
He has also purchased some new  
shade trees which will be planted  
soon.

Principal H. H. Young, of the  
High School, was in Richmond last  
week, looking after the interests of  
his school.

The Registrar received, a few  
days ago, an invitation to a banquet  
which was given last Saturday night  
by the Wise county Alumni Associa-  
tion, at Coeburn, Va. The invita-  
tion was gotten up in very attract-  
ive form, and showed that there are  
now, in Wise county alone, twenty-  
five old William and Mary men, the  
most of whom are engaged in school  
work. The president of the associa-  
tion is Supt. J. N. Hillman.

Mr. Milton Fentress (better  
known as "Kid") spent the past  
week-end here, the guest of the  
Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. Mr.  
Fentress is at present engaged in  
the insurance business in Baltimore.

The Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity  
will move into the O'Keeffe house  
on Scotland street the first part of  
next month.

Mr. Owens, of Lynchburg, will  
do the photographic work for the  
Annual.

## SPOTSWOOD CLUB MEETS WITH DR. WILSON

The Spotswood Club held its reg-  
ular meeting last Wednesday even-  
ing at the home of Dr. J. S. Wilson.  
There was a full attendance, all but  
two members being present, and the  
meeting was decidedly the most  
successful yet held. A number of  
interesting reports on current topics  
were made, after which there was  
a general discussion of college ac-  
tivities and problems. During the  
evening refreshments were served  
by Dr. and Mrs. Wilson.

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ing with Prof. John Tyler on Feb-  
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